

## **About GnuTerm**

GnuTerm is the most advanced Object-Oriented gnuplot output filter currently available for NeXTstep computers. The full-featured user interface and underlying Distributed Objects Framework provide an intuitive and powerful, easy-to-use system with capabilities, functionality, and integration.

## **Pricing**

Eventually I hope this will become part of the standard gnuplot distribution. For now, you are free to use, copy, and distribute GnuTerm to anybody who'll take it. Of course I assume no liability for any damage you incur on yourself or others through the use of this software for any reason.

## **Availability**

*Motorola now*

*Intel now*

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## **Feature List:**

Button Selection of "ACTIVE" window (the one addressed by command-line gnuplot instances).

Choice of Landscape or Portrait printing as well as overall print scaling via the Page Layout panel.

Customizable Titles for the GnuTerm output windows via the Windows->Title menu option.

Flexible location of GnuTerm.app: ~/Apps, /LocalApps, or via the GNUTERMPATH environment variable.

Multiple windows with menu access and auto-arrange.

### **Modifications for Version 1.1:**

Eliminated the dumb and slow "Print Preview" window.

Applied workaround for NeXT Bug # 21973 (D.O. failure to free held memory).

Much more robust management of connection between apps. You can now suspend your gnuplot session without hanging GnuTerm. Also, logout without quitting GnuTerm properly clears reference in D.O. Firing up GnuTerm now checks the Workspace ApplicationPaths dwrite, as it should.

next.trm modified to conform to the new gnuplot 3.6 terminal standard.

## **INSTALLATION**

This distribution contains the full source for GnuTerm.app and the necessary .trm files for gnuplot. In addition, I've included double-fat, m68k and i386 executables.

The gnuplot executable is built from gnuplot version 3.5 patchlevel beta 212.

The terminal works via the NeXT distributed objects system. GnuTerm itself is a "free-running" application that notifies the operating system of it's willingness to handle requests from the gnuplot program. As such, this distribution contains two parts, the new gnuplot, and the GnuTerm application.

If you would like to rebuild from the source code, check out README.rtf in the source subdirectory of the distribution.

To install the precompiled versions:

Move the new gnuplot executable to /usr/local/bin or ~/bin, or wherever you currently have gnuplot

Move **GnuTerm.app** to either /LocalApps or ~/Apps.

### **A couple of notes:**

#### **Note 1:**

If you wish to put the GnuTerm.app somewhere other than ~/Apps or /LocalApps,

you can "setenv GNUTERMPATH /newpath" to tell gnuplot where to find it.  
Example (wherein GnuTerm.app is in /LocalApps/Data):

```
host% setenv GNUTERMPATH "/LocalApps/Data"
```

**Note 2:**

The old next filter is still available as onext.

Example:

```
gnuplot> set term onext
```

**Note 3:**

Because GnuTerm uses distributed objects, it probably won't work at all on pre-3.0 systems.

**Note 4:**

There is no on-line help yet. I think that if you browse the menus for a few minutes, you'll find all of the features.

If you have any suggestions for additional features or bug reports please E-mail me.

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